

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building April 15, 2002 with the following members present: Bob Newsome, Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chairman; Russ Frey, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment

Laurie Harrison, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator; Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; and Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Frey moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2002 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Discussion followed on the bridge piers.

Discussion followed on the Law Enforcement Agency Meeting that will be held today.

Discussion followed on the Memorial Hospital Lease.

9:00 Business Meeting

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; and Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Frey moved to approve the Out of State Travel Request for George Wuertz to attend training on Hydrological Engineering Center - River Analysis System (HEC -RAS) software in Denver, Colorado. Even though this travel

request is approved, the commissioners may change the approval, depending on funds available for next year's budget. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

9:30 Press Conference

Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Jennifer Trombla, Teen Court Coordinator; Bill Kennedy, County Attorney; Deanell French, Truancy Monitor; Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer; Doug Messer, Assistant Chief Riley County Fire District #1; Barbara Withee, League of Women Voters; Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; and Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Kennedy announced that the Riley County Attorney's Office has been awarded a grant funded from the proceeds from the Alcohol Tax of Riley County.

French said the focus of the grant will be a prevention program to build self-esteem for adolescent females age 13 - 17. French said the individuals eligible for the prevention program will be referrals from Community Corrections, Teen Court, Truancy Monitor, Police reports, etc.

Harden discussed the phytoremediation project at the landfill.

Harden said he closed Homestead Road at the Wildcat Creek culvert. Harden said the culvert is located on Homestead Road where Wildcat Creek crosses Homestead Road 1½ miles north and 1¾ miles west of Riley. Harden said the reason for closing Homestead Road is the culvert has structurally failed and its continued use constitutes a threat to public safety.

Harden said when a bridge is structurally deficient, the County Engineer has statutory responsibility to close the bridge when it constitutes a threat to public safety.

C. Collins said Bernd Foerster, Kansas State University Professor and Dean of Architecture Emeritus, will speak on, "There's Something About Manhattan", at the Riley County Historical Society Quarterly Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at Pottorf Hall in Cicero Park.

Messersaid the Rural Fire Advisory Board Meeting was held last Tuesday in Randolph.

Messersaid the Rural Fire Advisory Board meets quarterly.

Messersaid the Advisory Board is a group elected by their peers at each station.

Messersaid it is a strong recommendation from the Emergency Management Department not to burn today.

**10:15 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services –
Public Hearing for Valleywood/Barnes Road**

Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer; and Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

10:15 Newsome opened the hearing.

Morgan said originally Barnes Road Benefit District didn't have Valleywood included in the benefit district.

Morgan said Mary Carson, Bond Counsel advised him to add Valleywood to the Barnes Road Water Benefit District project.

10:18 Newsome closed the hearing.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 041502 -42 authorizing the enlargement of the Barnes Road water production and taxing district to include Valleywood Subdivision located in Riley County, Kansas and amending Resolution No. 062600 -24. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

10:45 Frank McCoy, Director of Community Corrections

Barbara Withee, League of Women Voters; and Yolande Adair, attended.

McCoy discussed the Adult Services Annual Plan for fiscal year 2003.

McCoy presented a budget update.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, asked Frank McCoy to send a letter to the 22nd Judicial District advising them that Riley County Community Corrections will not be submitting an application for providing Juvenile Intensive Supervision and Juvenile Intake and Assessment contract services for fiscal year 2003.

11:15 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

- **Administrative Work Session**

Barbara Withee and Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters; and Yolande Adair, attended.

Morgan said he has contacted the Riley County Police Department and Kansas State University about the no alcohol policy being enforced in CiCo Park during the Kansas State University spring football game.

Morgan suggested Dan Harder respond with the Township that is responsible for Mill Cove Road.

Morgan said the Public Works Department will advertise, quarterly in the newspaper, to let the public know when they need items, such as dirt.

Morgan said the Noxious Weed Department will take the responsibility to rent equipment to mow the hay, instead of finding someone with the equipment to mow the hay.

Johnson said a written policy needs to be developed for items such as securing dirt, cutting and baling hay, for County projects.

11:32 Rescinded to attend Law Enforcement Agency Meeting.

1:15 Johnson moved to adjourn. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.